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5 1. A protective covering comprising:

an electrostatically charged sheet having a top and bottom surface; and

an absorbent layer having top and bottom surfaces, said bottom surface of said absorbent layer being bonded to said top surface of said electrostatically charged sheet, said absorbent layer being divided into a plurality of cells for containing liquid spilled on said
10 absorbent layer.

2. The protective covering of Claim 1, wherein said absorbent layer comprises paper.

3. The protective covering of Claim 1, wherein said absorbent layer comprises an
15 open cell foam.

4. The protective covering of Claim 3, wherein said foam is electrostatically charged.

5. The protective covering of Claim 1, wherein said absorbent layer comprises a
20 fibrous mat.

6. The protective covering of Claim 5, wherein said fibrous mat is electrostatically charged.

25 7. The protective covering of Claim 1, wherein said absorbent layer comprises a plurality of hydrophobic barriers, said hydrophobic barriers defining said cells.

8. The protective covering of Claim 1 further comprising a hydrophobic layer bonded to said top surface of said absorbent layer, said hydrophobic layer having a plurality of pores
30 therethrough, said pores allowing liquid spilled on said hydrophobic layer to penetrate said hydrophobic layer and be absorbed by said absorbent layer.